



## FIRST PEOPLES BUFFALO JUMP STATE PARK

### 2015 Summer Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Weekends (Sundays)	1pm	<b>“Jump Talks”</b> Join us on Sundays starting Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend to walk with a ranger and learn how buffalo were stampeded off the cliff. Meet at the upper visitor area parking lot. The program will last about 20—30 minutes in length. The distance hiked will be no more than 1 mile. <b>Cost: Free</b>	Park Staff and Volunteers
June 6 (Saturday)	10am – 1pm	<b>“National Trails Day - Ranger Guided Hike”</b> View the famous buffalo jump with ranger Clark Carlson-Thompson and identify the native plants and prairie wildflowers along the way. Learn how the First Peoples used these plants to survive on the prairie. Hike is good for active families. View the exhibits in the Visitors’ Center afterwards. Reservations required, call 406-791-7700 to register. <b>Cost: FREE</b>	Park Ranger Clark Carlson-Thompson
June 13 (Saturday)	1pm-3pm	<b>“National Get Outdoors Day - Traditional Native Games”</b> Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, hoop and arrow, lacrosse and many others. <b>Cost: FREE</b>	Park Staff and Volunteers
June 20 (Saturday)	1pm – 2pm	<b>“Porcupine Program”</b> Join Sasha the porcupine and Sam from FWP in Helena to learn about this unique mammal that calls the park home. Sasha is an animal ambassador for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. <b>Cost: FREE</b>	Sam Lavin
July 11 (Saturday)	1pm-3pm	<b>“Traditional Native Games”</b> Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, hoop and arrow, lacrosse and many others. <b>Cost: FREE</b>	Park Staff and Volunteers
June 18 (Saturday)	1pm-2pm	<b>“Ranger Guided Hike”</b> Join a Montana State Park ranger for a guided hike along our 3.5 mile interpretive trail. During the hike you’ll learn about the jump’s history and how the First Peoples survived here long ago. The hike will start and finish at the park’s visitor center and includes a trip to the top of the jump. <b>Cost \$4.</b>	Park Staff

July 25 (Saturday)	1pm-2pm	<p><b>“Summer Speakers Series – Before the Horse: Northern Rockies Lifestyles”</b></p> <p>Join Humanities Montana speaker Kae Cheatham to learn life in the Northern Rockies in the days before the horse. Northern Plains Indians are most often described as part of the American Indian Horse Culture, yet their history is much older than that. Kae is a published author, historian, and photographer living in Helena. <b>Cost: FREE</b></p>	Kae Cheatham
July 25 - 26 (Saturday - Sunday)	2pm Saturday – Sunday 6pm	<p><b>“Buffalo Kite Festival”</b></p> <p>Join us for our Buffalo Kite Festival. Terry Zee Lee, who coordinated the Lewis and Clark kite display at the Great Falls airport, has worked with Native American artists from around the country to develop buffalo themed kites. Come and view these beautiful kites, speak with the artists, and watch as the kites take flight from the top of the buffalo jump. Feel free to bring your own kite and join in the fun. <b>Cost: FREE</b></p>	Terry Zee Lee
August 15 (Saturday)	1pm-3pm	<p><b>“Traditional Native Games”</b></p> <p>Traditional games were a very important part of the culture for Montana tribes during the days First Peoples Buffalo Jump was used to harvest buffalo, and continue to be in the modern day. Join park staff and volunteers to learn more about these games and play them yourself. All ages are invited to attend. Games offered may include shinny, double ball, kickball, hoop and arrow, lacrosse and many others. <b>Cost: FREE</b></p>	Park Staff and Volunteers
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August 29 - 30 (Saturday - Sunday)	12pm Saturday	<p><b>“Little Shell Pow-wow”</b></p> <p>Join members of the Little Shell Tribe as they host a traditional pow-wow at the buffalo jump. Grand Entries at Noon and 6pm on Saturday and Noon on Sunday. Free dinner Saturday 5pm. Payouts at 4:30pm on Sunday. <b>Cost: FREE</b></p>	Little Shell Pow-wow Committee
September 5- September 7 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)	9am-5pm	<p><b>“Annual Montana Atlatl Mammoth Hunt”</b></p> <p>Come try your hand at an ancient form of hunting! The atlatl is a 10,000-year-old type of weapon that predates the bow and arrow. Regional members of the World Atlatl Association in conjunction with First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park will provide visitors with a chance to learn about and practice with this unique weapon. Visitors will also have the opportunity to shoot primitive bows and throw tomahawks and knives. <b>Cost: FREE</b></p>	Park Staff and Volunteers
September 12 (Saturday)	10am-12pm	<p><b>“Ranger Guided Hike”</b></p> <p>Join a Montana State Park ranger for a guided hike along our 3.5 mile interpretive trail. During the hike you’ll learn about the jump’s history and how the First Peoples survived here long ago. The hike will start and finish at the park’s visitor center and includes a trip to the top of the jump. <b>Cost \$4.</b></p>	Park Staff
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## **Visitor Center and Park Gates Hours of Operation**

### **Winter**

October 1 – March 31

Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm

### **Summer**

April 1 – September 30

Open 7 days a week

8:00am – 6:00pm

Walk-in access to the park is allowed until dark

### **Entry fees**

Resident vehicle - Free

Resident vehicle opted out of state park fee - \$6

Non-resident vehicle - \$6

Non-resident walk-in or bike-in - \$4

Non-resident vehicle with annual pass – Free

For more information on our events, call 406-866-2217,  
visit our website,  
<http://stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump/>  
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[www.facebook.com/FirstPeoplesBuffaloJumpStatePark](http://www.facebook.com/FirstPeoplesBuffaloJumpStatePark)